

British English

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SOME ENGLISH WORDS HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS IN **BRITAIN** THAN THEY DO IN THE UNITED STATES.

If you wear **braces**, you have on suspenders.

A **torch** is a flashlight.

Petrol is gas.

If you go to the **cinema**, you go to the movies.

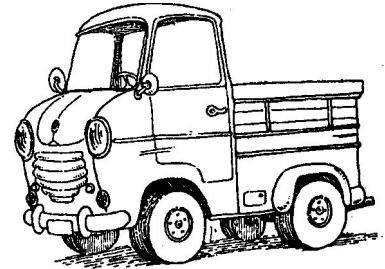
A **diversion** is a detour.

A **crumpet** is a muffin.

When you throw something in a trash can, you put it in a **dustbin**.

In Britain, French fries are called **chips**.

A **mackintosh** is a raincoat.

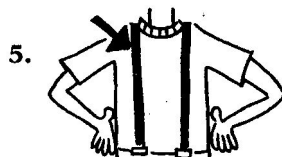
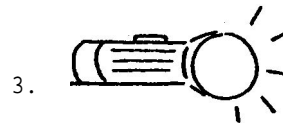


A **lorry** is a truck.

A. Write a vocabulary word for each picture.

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B. Write a vocabulary word for each clue.

1. carries freight

2. made from potatoes

3. a kind of bread

4. film

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A. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

1. A popular English meal is fish and _____
2. Mr. Browning hooked a thumb through his blue and gold _____
3. If it's raining, put on your new _____
4. The _____ pulled up to the loading dock at the store.
5. We went to the _____ last night and saw my favorite actor.
6. Be sure to put _____ in the car before we leave for our trip.
7. Luckily, Althea had a _____ when the electricity failed.
8. Our ride took longer than usual because of the _____
9. Mrs. Blake toasted a _____ to have with her tea.
10. Cyrus crumpled up the paper and tossed it into the _____

B. Read each question. Choose the best answer.

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| 1. Which one causes delays? | <input type="radio"/> direction | <input type="radio"/> diversion | <input type="radio"/> division |
| 2. Which one's a fuel? | <input type="radio"/> petrol | <input type="radio"/> torch | <input type="radio"/> petrel |
| 3. Which one's a carrier? | <input type="radio"/> loft | <input type="radio"/> lorry | <input type="radio"/> lotus |
| 4. What are braces for? | <input type="radio"/> socks | <input type="radio"/> vest | <input type="radio"/> pants |

Writing to Learn

Write an e-mail message from a British pen pal to one in the United States.
Use at least four vocabulary words.